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This is UNEVALUATED Information 25X1

1. On 19 January 1953, trucks [REDACTED] all occupied by drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left or entered the Wilhelm Kaserne in Vienna, which quartered a total of 53 tank trucks and 19 trucks. Between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., a major who wore red-bordered black epaulets was the only person seen entering or leaving the Albrechts Kaserne which was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. <sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. On 21 January, officers and EM seen entering and leaving the former Pionier Kaserne in Hainburg (P 49/X 89) wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery or motor transport insignia. Trucks [REDACTED] entered the installation. Three M-13 rocket launchers, 2 tank trucks and about 14 trucks were observed in the installation. <sup>2</sup> 25X1
3. On 22 January, driving school trucks [REDACTED] each occupied by 5 student drivers, and trucks [REDACTED] were seen entering and leaving the Jaeger Kaserne in Eisenstadt (P 48/X 55). Sentries observed there and the personnel occupying the vehicles wore black-bordered red epaulets. Three field grade officers, including a major wearing black-bordered red epaulets with artillery insignia, left the installation. Driving school trucks [REDACTED] all occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the town en route to the installation. About 150 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets engaged in field training including firing with live ammunition at practice targets in the area south of the Eisenstadt-Neusiedl am See (P 48/X 76) railroad line. The area was cordoned off by sentries wearing black-bordered red epaulets. A detail of 1 NCO and 7 EM, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, was equipped with a heavy machine gun on a two-wheel carriage. <sup>3</sup> 25X1
4. On 21 January, motor vehicles and personnel observed at the former Bundesgewerbeschule (Federal Technical school) included: sedan [REDACTED] occupied by a colonel who wore black-bordered red epaulets; trucks [REDACTED] all occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets; trucks [REDACTED] the latter occupied by personnel wearing black-bordered blue epaulets; jeeps [REDACTED] all occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and the latter by two lieutenant colonels wearing red-bordered black 25X1

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epaulets with tank insignia; and sedans [ ] the latter occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 4

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5. On 17 January, 8 armored scout cars, 8 guns, 2 jeeps, 1 ambulance and 27 trucks, [ ]

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[ ] were seen in the garages and the yard of the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt (Federal Educational Establishment) in Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37), which was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [ ] and jeep [ ] occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen entering and leaving the installation. Officers arriving aboard the streetcar from Baden and entering the building opposite the installation included: 2 colonels and 6 majors, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; 1 lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia; and 2 majors wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Twenty-seven soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery or motor transport insignia and armed with rifles; 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with antitank rifles; and 2 senior lieutenants, left the installation for the drill ground, commanded by a captain and followed by a horse-drawn vehicle loaded with dummy tanks. The soldiers practiced aiming with antitank rifles at the dummy tanks, which were drawn past them, until noon. 5

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6. On 22 January, 2 lieutenant colonels and 6 majors, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and 5 women wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the office on Hoven Gasse, Korneuburg (O 49/S 30). Truck [ ] the driver of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, parked in front of the Albrechts Kaserne, and trucks [ ] both occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the installation. A lieutenant colonel, and 3 majors, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; and 37 EM, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, were seen at the camp on the road to Leobendorf. Motor vehicles seen included: radio truck [ ] sedan [ ] and trucks [ ] all occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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7. On 22 January, about 60 soldiers were seen practicing on 5 or 6 x 37-mm AA guns in the yard of the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau (O 49/S 21). Truck [ ] entered the installation and Soviet-made jeep [ ] the driver of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, left the installation. A ballistic director and five 85-mm AA guns, on which about 30 soldiers were practicing, were seen in the Artillerie Kaserne. 6

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8. On 19 January, trucks [ ] were in front of the garages west of the former Kreisgericht which was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; and radio trucks [ ] were in the yard of the Franz Josef Kaserne. Motor vehicles passing through the barrier at Franz Josef Kaserne, which was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered black epaulets, included: trucks [ ] and jeep [ ] All vehicles were occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Two majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and 4 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia entered the building on Werner Strasse, coming from the direction of Camp Spratzern south of St Feelten (O 49/W 88). Sedan [ ] the driver of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, was seen in front of the building on Werner Strasse.

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9. On 19 January, 4 T-34 tanks, 6 trucks and a few soldiers were seen in front of the sheds in Camp Spratzern. Trucks and sedans all occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were seen. 7 25X1
1. Comment. The motor vehicle observed belong to the 13th Gds Mecz Div. 25X1
2. Comment. repeatedly reported rocket launchers in the former Pionier Kaserne. Motor vehicle was previously observed in Kaisersteinbruch and belongs to the 1stn Gds Mecz Div, thus vaguely indicating that the rocket launchers may also belong to this division. The other motor vehicle number could not be identified. 25X1
3. Comment. According to motor vehicle, the trucks seen near the Jaeger Kaserne belong to the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, whereas the driving school trucks seen en route toward the installation belong to the unidentified motor transport unit, possibly of the CGF, in Eisenstadt. The soldiers observed at field training are fairly definitely believed to belong to the 284th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt stationed in Eisenstadt. 25X1
4. Comment. The majority of the motor vehicle observed in Moedling belongs to offices and units of the CGF. belongs to the air force, and to the 13th Gds Mecz Div. 25X1
5. Comment. The report fails to furnish any new information. All motor vehicle were previously reported from Traiskirchen and belong to the 13th Gds Mecz Div. The troops observed at the drill ground probably belong to the 45th Gds Mecz Regt stationed in Traiskirchen. 25X1
6. Comment. Probably all of the motor vehicle observed in Korneuburg and Stockerau belong to the 23d AAA Div. The five 85-mm AA guns in the Artillerie Kaserne in Stockerau are reported for the first time. 25X1
7. Comment. The motor vehicle identified in St Poelten and Camp Spratzern almost exclusively belong to the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. 25X1

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